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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  <b>Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	09/848,402
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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on December 9, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal for FY 2003

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-4300 (additional fees only)

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Excess Claim Fee

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING AN RCE FILING**

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment After Final of December 9, 2002, for which entry and consideration in conjunction with the present RCE is respectfully requested, please add new claims 31-41 provided below:

31. (New) A passenger detector, comprising:  
a flexible support made of an insulating material having a first surface and a second surface;  
first and second electrode structures, with each of said electrode structures having a bottom electrode surface in intimate contact with the first surface of said flexible support and an upper electrode surface, and said electrode structures being spaced at a distance from each other on the first surface of said flexible support;  
a plurality of active sensor zones provided on the first surface of said flexible support, said active sensor zones being defined by divided zones of a layer of semiconducting material with the semiconducting material having an internal resistance that varies with deformation of

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